

Town Of Havana

Special Council Meeting

December 17, 2024 – 5:00pm

Meeting minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bass at 5:00pm. Invocation was led by Mayor Pro Tem, Lawrence Reed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

A roll call confirmed the presence of the following council members including Landon Seymour, Matt Wesolowski, Tabatha Nelson, Penny Key, Mayor Bass and Mayor Pro Tem Reed, ensuring a quorum for the meeting. Councilman McKinnon was not in attendance for the meeting.

Recognition of Visitors

Mayor Bass requested the Town Clerk to read the Visitor Information. No visitors were recognized.

New Business

Dr. Camron Browning – Havana Medical Facility

Mayor Bass introduced Dr. Camron Browning and requested he come to the podium and speak to the Council and the citizens.

Dr. Browning introduced him and thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak in regard to his interest in opening a medical practice upon graduation in the Town of Havana. He was in the last class at Havana Northside. He shared his credentials, schooling and prior work history which included a National Surveyor and also experience working at AHCA.

Dr. Browning desires to be a comprehensive family physician. His dream has always been to come back home to the Town of Havana and provide medical care for the community. Dr. Browning loves Havana and he states he has a sincere personal interest in giving back to the community where he grew up and gave so much to him.

Mayor Bass shared the comments that Dr. Mazziota (TMH Residency) and Dr. Treadwell (TMH Residency). Mayor Bass then opened the floor for any questions.

Councilwoman Nelson inquired of Dr. Browning which insurances would be accepted. Dr. Browning shared that his contract with TMH residency will end 6/30/2025 and he plans to start immediately. He has already been working with insurance providers and developing partnerships with different specialists. He would like to see patients with all insurances. Dr. Browning shared he plans to be in Havana for the long haul and has a wife and three children. His wife is an Assistant Principal at Leon County School.

Mayor Bass inquired if Dr. Browning was interested in retaining the staff members at Dr. Newberry's practice. Dr. Browning stated that he is interested in retaining so that the continuity of patient care may continue, which is important.

Councilwoman Nelson asked about ages of patients and Dr. Browning confirmed that he plans to see all ages and his practice will be Family Medical Practice.

Mayor Pro Tem Reed asked if there would be another doctor coming in until Dr. Browning finishes residency. Dr. Browning stated that it may be possible to bring in a nurse practitioner and Dr. Kent is willing to cover patients temporarily if needed. Mr. Reed shared his gratitude to Dr. Browning for having an interest in the community.

Mr. Jimmy Duerden inquired as to when they would be able to take new patients. Dr. Kent's son shared that his father has been asked by Dr. Newberry to see his patients temporarily and it may be an option to send a nurse practitioner if needed.

Alexis Sottiriou asked Dr. Browning what his thoughts were regarding alternative and preventative medicine. Dr. Browning shared that with his residency at TMH he has had the opportunity to gain knowledge, establish a network, and experience in preventative medicine and plans to use this in his practice. Ms. Sottiriou asked if he was familiar with Christian Healthcare as she has Medicare and Christian Healthcare. It is a program owned by the members and pays medical bills. Dr. Browning is open to serving any insurance members and has already begun the credentialing process and is waiting for graduation for finalization.

Chief Lewis shared that he likes to see his doctor and no other practitioners. Does Dr. Browning plan to grow so big that patients will not be able to see him personally. Dr. Browning shared that his desire is to be actively hands on whenever possible. Chief Lewis asked if the practice would perform their own labs in the office. Dr. Browning stated that there is a small lab in the facility currently and currently it will depend on the depth of the tests and in the future his plans are to expand and have a full-in-house lab.


Councilwoman Nelson asked Dr. Browning if he would do house-calls, and he confirmed that, if necessary, that would be an option. Town Manager, Kendrah Wilkerson, shared that no vote was needed at this time, but it would be discussed in the regular meeting at 6:00pm. Ms. Wilkerson stated that the building needed renovations also. Dr. Browning shared that he is looking into an electronic medical records system as he does not desire to have paper charts. He plans to invest also in this practice. Ms. Sottiriou inquired to the process to become a patient. Dr. Browning shared it would be the same process as with any physician. The question was asked if the machines (Dexa scan, Ultrasound and x-ray) are outdated machines. Dr. Browning stated the services will be utilized and he assured the council and citizens that they will be valuable services.

The Town Council all expressed thanks to Dr. Browning for taking the time to come to the meeting and share his story and answer all questions.

Mayor Bass adjourned the special council meeting at 5:34pm.


EDWARD N BASS, JR

ATTEST:


Shrylan R. Alexander, Town Clerk